

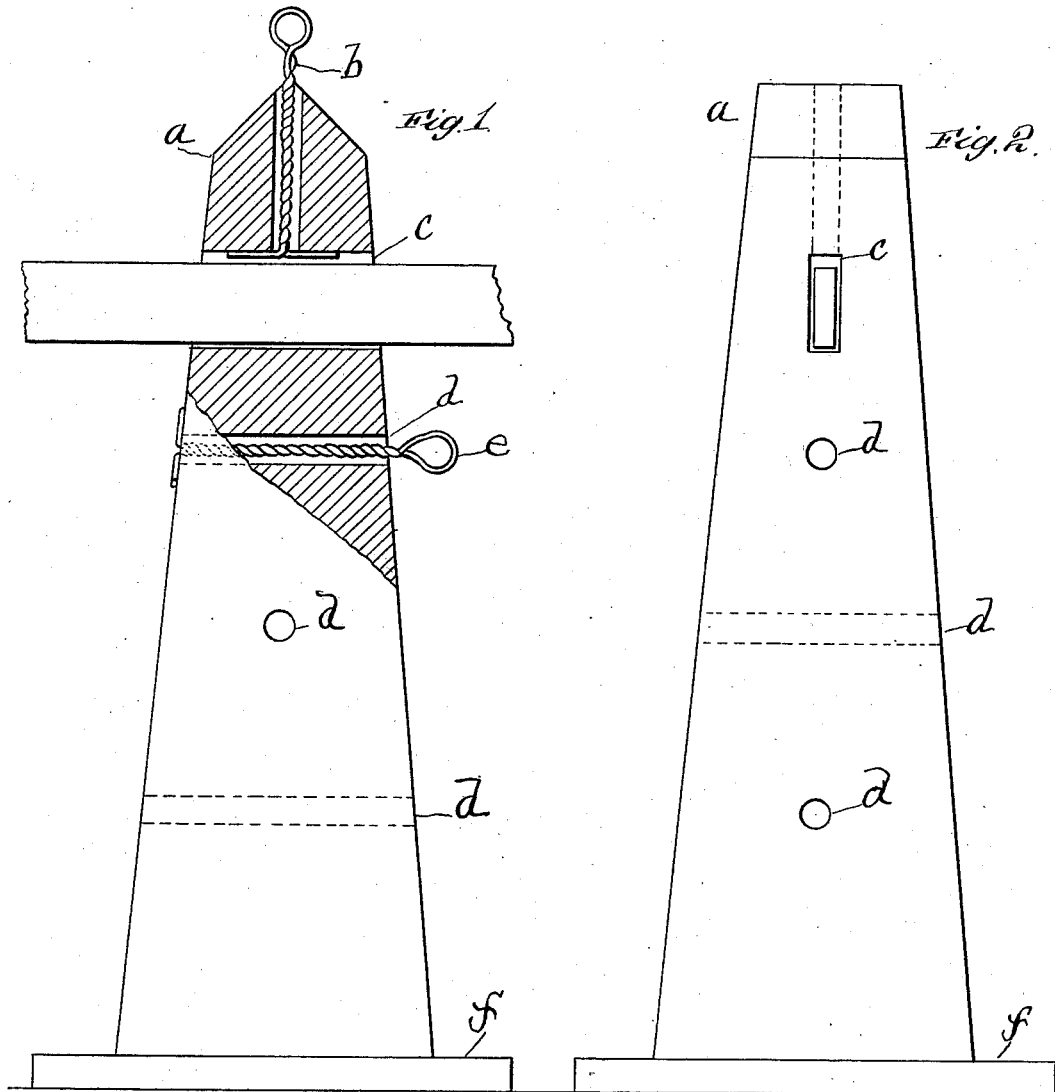
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FENCE POST.

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FENCE-POST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MCGEE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Mountain Spring, in the county of Cooke and State of Texas, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Fence-Posts; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a front view of my post, partly in section; and Fig. 2 is a side view of the same.

This invention has relation to fence-posts; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim appended.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter *a* designates the top of the post, in which is secured a wire, *b*, which serves to connect the upper fence-wire. Transversely through the post is formed a vertical slot, *c*, through which a plank or cross-bar is passed. Openings *d* are made in the sides or edges of the post to receive the wire fastenings or eyes *e*, whereby the fence-wires are connected to the post. A horizontal flange, *f*, is made around the lower end of the post usually, said flange serving to assist in preserving the post in the upright

position. For this purpose, after the posts have been set in line, earth is thrown on their flanges with a plow. When used for telegraph purposes the posts are made of considerable length, and their lower ends are set in the ground.

A fence-post made of clay perforated to receive the fence-wires and hardened by burning is old. A fence-post made of concrete and provided with a longitudinal rod having transverse branches for attaching the fence-wire is also old, and a perforated tubular metallic post having narrow flanges at its lower end has been used before; and I claim neither of these constructions, broadly.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fence-post molded of a cement and sand or gravel, with a transverse vertical slot, *c*, a vertical opening in its top communicating with the vertical slot *c* for the wire fastening *b*, openings *d* in its sides or edges for the wires *e*, and a flange, *f*, around its lower end, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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